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For: Process for Preparing )  
1, 4-Disubstituted Piperidine )  
Compounds )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the captioned application and prior to calculation of the fees, please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The process in accordance with [one of the Patent Claims 1 or 2] claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (1) has two substituents R, which are different from hydrogen, one substituent R being on the pyridine ring and one substituent R on the benzoring.

6. (Amended) The process in accordance with [one of the Patent Claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (1) only has a single substituent R, which is different from hydrogen,